



State of California – The Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

### NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
1416 Ninth Street  
P.O. Box 942896  
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

**PROJECT TITLE:** Picacho SRA--Restore & Stabilize Lower Stamp Mill # 5698

**LOCATION:** Picacho State Recreation Area      **COUNTY:** Imperial

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:**

The project consists of improvements to the existing site drainage and stabilization of the structural integrity of the existing masonry walls. The site work will include changes to the existing topography by the construction of swales and berms for control of water runoff and construction of a new fence. Vehicles and heavy equipment will not be able to access the site beyond the existing road, nor will trails or open land be modified to accommodate vehicles.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Colorado Desert

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

- Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
- Statutory Exemption (Section            )
- Categorical Exemption

Class: 31 Section(s): 15331

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated.  
A resource ecologist will ensure avoidance of significant impacts to natural resources.  
An archaeologist will ensure avoidance of significant impacts to cultural resources.  
Project is limited to maintenance, repair, stabilization, rehabilitation, restoration, preservation, conservation or reconstruction of historical resources in a manner consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties (class 31)

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